(b) Yes, Sir. The demand and supply of coal as assessed for the terminal year of the Ninth Five Year Plan i.e. 2001-02 is given below:—

(In million tonnes)

	Demand	Supply	Gap
Terminal year IXth Plan 2001-2002.	412.20	370.60	41.60

(c) By an amendment in the Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973, mining by private parties has now been allowed for captive use in the steel, power and cement sector.

कोयले की आपूर्ति

4286. श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ला: क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1994, 1995, 1996 तथा दिसंबर, 1997 तक उड़ीसा और मध्य प्रदेश की कितनी कोयला खानों से गुजरात के विभिन्न बिजली घरों, इस्पात संयंत्रों और उद्योगों को आबंटित और आपूरित कोयले की मात्रा का संयंत्र-वार और उद्योगों-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) क्या उक्त अवधि में कोयले की मांग और पूर्ति में कोई अन्तर था;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो शेष कोयले की आपूर्ति कब तक कर दी जाएगी तथा उसकी मात्रा कितनी है;

(घ) इस कोयले की आपूर्ति से उड़ीसा और मध्य पदेश द्वारा धनराशि का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ङ) क्या इनमें से कुछ खानों को अभी तक भुगतान नहीं किया गया है?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री दिलीप राय): (क) से (ङ) इस संबंध में सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी।

Affected areas by Underground fire in BCCL

4287. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) total areas of BCCL affected by underground fire, quantity of coal already burnt and affected and the progress in fire fighting project;

(b) the quantity of coal locked under Jharia town and that affected by fire causing subsidence;

(c) the steps contemplated to contain fire and save Jharia town; and

(d) whether Government are planning to shift the town; if so, the facts in details giving plan for rehabilitation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) The total surface area affected due to fires in Jharia coalfield is reduced to around 9 sq. km. As per CMPDIL estimate of 1986, the quantity of coal already burnt due to fires since 1916 is estimated at 37 million tonnes.

Ten fires have been completely extinguished. Four projects for fire fighting at an approved cost of Rs. 14.27 crores are presently under implementation at Alkusa, Industry, Rajapur and Lodna collieries.

(b) Approximately 160 million tonnes of coal is locked under Jharia town. No fire exists below Jharia town.

(c) One fire control project is under implementation for dealing with the fire at Rajapur, at the periphery of Jharia town. More fire control projects shall be formulated for dealing with a few other fires around the town in the future.

(d) At present there is no proposal to shift Jharia town.

Fake appointments in BCCL

4288. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad in his Memo No. 387/ DC dated April 7, 1992 brought to the notice of CMD, BCCL about 102 fake appointments in BCCL keeping the genuine persons out;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Bihar Colliery Kamgar Union, Dhanbad alleged before Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad that the management of BCCL gave appointments to 102 bogus persons in lieu of retrenched workers. Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad had an enquiry conducted through an Executive Magistrate which revealed that in place of 102 retrenched employees who were later ordered by the Industrial Dispute Tribunal, Dhanbad-I to be

reappointed, other fake and bogus persons were appointed in their places. The case is pending before the Hon'ble High Court.

(c) Since the matter is subjudice, no further action could be taken on the enquiry conducted by the Deputy Commissioner, Dhanbad.

Kottadih Long Wall Project and Satgram Project in CIL

4289. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kottadih Long Wall Project and Satgram Project in Eastern Coalfields Limited were undertaken with foreign collaboration;

(b) if so, the names of the organisations with whom collaboration was involved;

(c) what was the targeted coal production during 1997-98 and how much was fulfilled in both the projects; and

(d) the reasons that led to the shortfall in production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) Only Kottadih Longwall Project of Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) was undertaken with foreign collaboration;

(b) Collaboration was with Charbonnages de France International (CdFI), France.

(c) Targetted coal production during 1997-98 and achievement in Kottadih U/G and Satgram Projects were as under:—

Project	Year	Target (Lakh Tonnes)	Achievement (Lakh Tonnes)
Kottadih (U/G)	1997-98	6.57	2.27
Satgram (U/G)	1997-98	4.40	1.01

(d) Kottadih Longwall Project could not attain the targetted coal production during 1997-98 due to inoperation of Powered Support Longwall (PSLW) equipment. The Shortfall in production in Satgram project was due to the delay in starting of Powered Support Longwall equipment, delay in dewatering and acquisition of land.

Captive mine Earmarked for specific Purposes

4290. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a Government guideline that the captive mines earmarked for specific purpose, i.e., thermal power stations, steel industry should be solely ued for designated purposes;

(b) if not, the reason therefor;

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that the captive mine owner for Bhadrawati Thermal Plant is being given exemption to sell coal for purposes other than power plant; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI DILIP RAY): (a) and (b) Under the provisions of the Coal Mines Nationalisation Act as amended in 1993 and the guidelines thereunder, companies engaged in the production of iron & steel, cement and generation of power can mine coal for their own consumption. This would imply that such parties can mine coal for their own use and not for sale in the open market.

(c) and (d) The Central India Coal Company which would operate a captive mine for the Bhadravati power plant had sought for permision to sell coal to the Maharashtra State Electricity Board in certain eventualities. The Government had in consultation with the Attorney General and having regard to the provisions of the Colliery Control Order agreed in principle that in certain specific situations the coal company may be permitted to sell coal to parties other than the power station under the provisions of the Colliery Control Order. The reason for extending such a permission was that the accumulation of coal at a pithead represents a waste of a depleting natural resource and would not be in the interest of the economy.

Writing off Loans by Singareni Collieries Company Limited

4291. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Singreni Collieries Company Limited had approached Government for writing off of certain taxes and loans; and